MEMO

I want to locate programmers familiar with ZGRASS for the purpose of providing support to a Bally/Astrocade Arcade unit memory expansion. Dr. DeFanti has licensed the use of his language to Alternative Engineering, a company that has been supporting the Arcade unit since 1979. Alternative Engineering is going to produce a 64K memory expansion unit with cassette and disc drive controllers, and a full size keyboard package to surround the ZGRASS, with delivery of units expected in July 1983.

I publish a Newsletter for the Arcade owner, in which we endeavor to help the owner get more out of his Basic cartridge, through programs and tutorials.

ZGRASS programmers are needed on two levels:

1. I want to increase the scope and usability of my N/L by including coverage of ZGrass and the new machine. I will need programs that entertain and teach, and ~~tutorials~~ articles to provide expanded ~~details~~ discussion as to how it, Z works. ~~and [illegible] on by expanding~~ & how to obtain special effects.

Our paper is designed for the hobbyist

Our publ is hobby-oriented. We are essentially quite naive about the total Arcade system - we do not have the "inside story" on design, features, or tricks - and virtually everything we have learned of the machine has been discovered. Our content therefore is somewhat inconsistent. However With the help of talented hackers, we have been able to present some information data & some clever programs. Hopefully we will have more insight into the Z's operation with assistance from long-time users.

~~Since we~~ We have a number of professional programmers on board who cannot sell their concepts outside of the company they work for, and so we have set a general policy that all programs submitted are donations for the hobby benefit of us all. We are making a token payment for tutorial articles, currently at a 25¢/page rate

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2. On the second level, programs are needed that can be sold. Whatever is viable, both amusement and utility. There ~~have been~~ are lots of people ~~waiting to do~~ with business applications.

The producers of the machine are interested in having programs available in order to enhance their product. Our function would be one of introduction - all arrangements etc. from then on would be up to you.

~~The~~ Options that may be open would include -

1 Your development of a game, etc. on a "free lance" basis using your own Z groups for sale (whatever) to some manufacturing/distribution organization

2 You working for an organization utilizing a provided system for the ~~product~~ program essentially built to order.

3 Some other combination